

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 14-15, 17-19, 21-22, 37-40 and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Horton (U.S. 4,945,563) in view of Yoo (U.S. 5,497,240). Applicant previously submitted a Request For Reconsideration regarding those references. The Examiner subsequently issued an Advisory Action in which he responded to Applicant's arguments. Based on the Examiner's response, the claims have been amended as more fully described below.

Applicant's invention, as recited by claim 14, includes a feature which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the art of record, namely:

... recording of said information in said medium is permitted or prevented depending upon a value of an identifier read from said medium,

This feature is supported by the original Patent at column 8, line 22 where the original Patent discloses the use of an ID number associated with a specific medium.

In previously rejecting the claims, the advisory action includes a detailed analysis of the Yoo Patent. In particular, page 2, paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Advisory Action describe the use of an ID code which is detected by Yoo. Page 3, line 1 of the Advisory Action describes how Yoo operates with a new tape, namely:

... if a new tape is inserted and it does not have an ID code and tape ID code, then the recording does not operate until these identification parameters are recorded onto the tape.

Thus, according to the Advisory Action, if an ID code is detected, then recording operates. If an ID code is not detected, then recording does not operate.

This is different than Applicant's claimed invention. Applicant is not claiming recording (or prevention of recording) depending upon whether an ID code is on the tape. Rather, Applicant is claiming recording (or prevention of recording) depending upon what the value of an identifier stored in the medium is. Thus, for example, one value of Applicant's identifier results in recording in the medium while another value of Applicant's identifier results in the prevention of recording in the medium.

To summarize:

Applicant's claim 14:

Identifier has one value - permit recording; identifier has another value - prevent recording.

Yoo prior art reference:

ID code exists - permit recording; ID code does not exist - prevent recording.

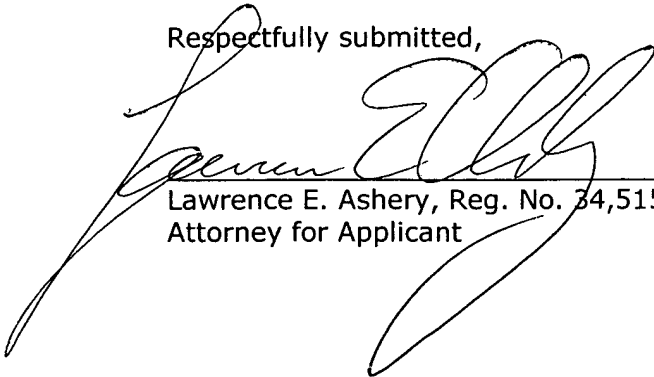
Applicant's detection/prevention depending on the value of the identifier is different than Yoo's permission/prevention depending upon value present/value absent.

Accordingly, Applicant's claim 14 is patentable over the combination of Horton and Yoo.

Applicant's remaining dependent claims have been amended similarly as claim 14. Thus, the remaining independent claims are also patentable over the art of record.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



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